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In connection with the story of the departure from Newark for Florida of two automobile enthusiasts, one of the reporters of the Newark Sunday News has the following.

"Messrs. Denman and Wurth will take a tour of the St. John's River section, south of Jacksonville, where the roads are in excellent condition for automobilizing. Since the fight for good roads was started in Florida a few years ago, thousands of dollars have been spent in each county of the State, and as a result an automobile can travel from one section to another with little difficulty.

THE EARLIEST COMEDY

It Was Played at Athens by the First Traveling Actors.

The first recorded comedy was played at Athens, B. C. 578, when Susarion and Dolon, the earliest traveling actors, performed a comedy of Susarion's composition on a movable stage mounted upon four wheels. The new form of play was so successful that the actors were rewarded by the grateful populace with a cask of wine and a basket of figs.

Susarion belonged to Megaris, a state of ancient Greece, whose inhabitants were celebrated for their coarse humor, and who, in their villages during the evenings, were wont to hold what they called a komos; really a revel, in which impromptu acting, coupled with buffoonery, played a considerable part. From this word we have our comedy.

In England the old miracle plays degenerated very early into what but for their religious associations were mere farces, but the first purely English comedy was one by Udall, an assistant master at Eton, and subsequently head master of Westminster school. It was entitled "Ralph Roister-Doister" and seems to have been performed in London about 1551, being published in 1596, ten years after its author's death.

For the Finest



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Respectfully,
C. L. SMITH.

STRANGE RAT TRAPS.

The Way Ostrich Eggs Are Utilized in Coptic Churches.

Ostrich eggs are regarded by the Copts as the natural emblem of watchfulness, and practical effect is given to this idea among these people by the very curious use to which they put them in their public buildings, particularly in those devoted to the celebration of divine worship. Whoever enters a Coptic church cannot fail to notice the numerous ostrich eggs which hang above and around him.

The explanation is simple. The churches are much infested by rats, and these animals, as experience has shown, have been in the habit of crawling down the cords by which the lamps are suspended, for the purpose of getting at the oil and drinking it. To hinder these four footed thieves the cord belonging to each lamp is passed through the shell of an ostrich egg, which is thus fixed at a moderate distance above the lamp. The smooth polished surface of the shell offers an impassable barrier to the wily and adventurous rodents, so that they invariably slide off and tumble to the ground if they attempt a passage.

J. C. Pettepher Auto Garage Register

OWNER'S NAME.	NAME OF MACHINE.	
J. B. Moore.....	Auto Car.....	Hartford, Conn
L. O. Smith.....	Rambler.....	New London, Conn
W. E. Smith.....	Olds.....	Pittsburg
J. H. Hathaway.....	Stanley (steam).....	Boston, Mass.
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The congregation of the First M. E. Church tomorrow morning is to be congratulated upon the prospect of hearing Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris sing. They are both evangelists, have traveled extensively and have held meetings in many of the leading cities of this country, being successful wherever they have gone. Their home is in Evanston, Ill., but they are here seeking rest for Mrs. Harris, whose earnest and taxing labor in the work has been too prolonged.

A News reporter was informed by a reliable party that there is much truth in the articles going the rounds of the papers in regard to a new hotel for Daytona.

Note the temperature table in another column. Extreme cold prevails all over the country and in many sections reports come of people who have been frozen to death.

Eli Perkins, whose stage name is Melville D. Fuller, will visit his nephew, W. H. Davis, on Magnolia avenue, next Tuesday.

The Pickert family will be here February 9, 10 and 11.

Pupils in the public schools will be granted a special rate of 35 cents for the Eli Perkins' great lecture at the Baptist church next Tuesday night.

Eli Perkins, the greatest humorist on the American platform, will lecture at the Baptist church on Palmetto avenue next Tuesday night. Don't fail to hear him.

Ash Wednesday falls on March 8, and Easter Sunday on April 23, this year.

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Temperature for yesterday.
BOSTON.....8
NEW YORK.....6
BALTIMORE.....4
ST. PAUL.....-26
CHICAGO.....-12
CINCINNATI.....-2
ASHEVILLE.....18
DAYTONA.....53

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The circulation of the DAILY NEWS is steadily increasing and on Monday passed the 500 mark by a clear majority of 100. Monday's edition of the paper was exhausted fifteen minutes after the last form was off the press. 600 for a daily in a city the size of Daytona is a very creditable showing and is evidence that the public appreciate our efforts. It shall be our aim to build the circulation to a still higher figure and to accomplish this will make it better and better each day.